



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement on Belarus

As delivered by Chargé d'Affaires Douglas A. Davidson
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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

We would like to join the chair in congratulating Ambassador Dr. Heyken on his appointment.

And we would also like to commend the Chair itself for its dedication and commitment to producing this appointment. While we would recall that such appointments are the prerogative of the Chair, we would also express our appreciation for Belarusian cooperation in this matter. We hope that such cooperation bodes well for the future of the OSCE Office in Minsk, particularly with regard to the timely deployment of the remaining mission members and the implementation of the mission's programs.

Thank you.